

Indoor Activities Heat Up in February

After months of practice, February marks the beginning of competition for our indoor groups. These groups include Varsity Color Guard, WPE and Indoor Winds. All of our groups have had strong performances so far.

Varsity Color Guard

DCHS color guard hope to repeat the success they achieved in 2017 when they finished in 2nd place as the state runner up. Under the direction of Meghan Brackett, this year's show is "Light of Mine" and revolves around each student's inner self and the light within them. This season they've finished in the top 5 of all the events they've competed in, earning 1st place at two of contests.



DOWN the LINE

WPE

Also known as Winter Percussion Ensemble or Indoor Percussion. This year's show is titled "Down the Line" and is under the direction of DCHS director Tim Cox and Percussion Director Josh Schneider. At the first contest of the season they finished in 1s place. This is a world class program that has attended state finals many times, including 2017, where they finished in 4th place.

Indoor Winds

"Fool's Gold" is the title of this year's Indoor Wind's show and features props including mining cars, train tracks and cactus. This program is lead by middle school director Dan Herrick and assistant DCHS director Zach Crowder. At the first contest of the season they finished in 2nd place. Indoor Winds is a growing event throughout the state. This is DCHS' 3rd year to compete.





State Solo & Ensemble

We had several instrumentalist earn gold ratings at the ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble contest on February 24th. Kenny Owen and Marta Molina were soloists. Ensembles featured a brass quintet, a saxophone choir, a saxophone quartet, and 4 percussion ensembles, 2 of which earned a gold "with distinction". In all 34 DCHS students performed at State Solo and Ensemble!

Jazz Clinic



On February 20th, DCHS jazz bands had an awesome clinic with Shawn Goodman (right). She was wonderful and we learned a lot! Shawn is an Associate Instructor of Music Education at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where she is also completing coursework towards a PhD in Music Education with a minor in Jazz Pedagogy.

8th Grade Band Pep Band Night



The recently formed 8th grade pep band joined the high school pep band for the February 6th DCHS basketball game. The DMS pep band have played at a number of middle school games this season. 8th grade band night has become a tradition during football season, where they join the marching band for the playing of the national anthem. Events like this help ease middle school band students into the much larger world of high school band.

Decatur Township Tour 2018



Jazz Band I toured Decatur's 5 district elementary schools on February 1st. Aside from the fun performances, the tour is also meant to get 6th graders interested in the performing arts as they enter middle school.

DCHS Band's Super Bowl Appearance



Did you see our band during the super bowl broadcast on February 4th? A commercial aired during the football game promoting the 102nd Indianapolis 500. DCHS Band was briefly featured performing in last year's Indy 500 parade. The above image is from the commercial.



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